

# **ATTACHMENT A**



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In 2015, named partners Michael V. Ciresi and Jan M. Conlin founded Ciresi Conlin LLP to serve as a force for good in our courtrooms and communities. The firm's practice ranges from large bet-the-company litigation and high-profile business deals to smaller individual cases. Ciresi Conlin LLP brings extensive litigation and trial experience to some of the most high profile and complex cases in the country.

Prior to founding Ciresi Conlin LLP, Mr. Ciresi was a named partner and chairman of the executive board of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi LLP. During his 43 years with the firm, he drove the firm's litigation practice. He has represented individuals, corporations, and governmental entities, and obtained nearly \$12 billion in verdicts, awards, and settlements on behalf of his clients, with a trial and consulting practice focused in the areas of product liability, intellectual property, and business and commercial litigation.

Katie Crosby Lehmann is a founding partner of Ciresi Conlin LLP and its managing partner. Her decades of litigation and case management experience include serving as lead trial counsel and managing and overseeing the work of legal teams from multiple firms and companies.

Andrew Mohring is a partner at Ciresi Conlin LLP. His background includes nearly three decades of work as a criminal defense and civil rights lawyer on behalf of the indigent accused.

Esther Agbaje, an associate at Ciresi Conlin LLP, came to the firm with experience in international human rights and rule of law projects, and a background in civil rights and public interest law.

Partners of Ciresi Conlin LLP have served as lead or co-lead counsel in numerous high-profile and complex cases, including:

- ***Carver v. The Bank New York Mellon.*** Mr. Ciresi is co-lead class counsel representing ERISA participants, beneficiaries, and trustees that hold American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") for which the Bank of New York Mellon Corp., The Bank of New York Mellon., and BNY Mellon N.A. (collectively "BNYM") acted as a depository.
- ***White Bear Lake Restoration Association.*** Ms. Crosby Lehmann was lead trial counsel representing White Bear against the Minnesota DNR in an action to enforce the Minnesota Environmental Rights Act, seeking to prevent further destruction and impairment of White Bear Lake and the underlying aquifers. The 2017 trial resulted in a finding that the DNR violated MERA and many environmental laws, resulting in equitable relief.

- ***Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority/Twin Cities & Western Railroad.*** Ms. Crosby Lehmann represented the Council, Hennepin County and HCRRA regarding colocation of freight and light rail in the Bass Lake Spur and Kenilworth Corridor for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project.
- ***Kraft Foods Group, Inc./Mondelēz International, Inc. v. Starbucks Coffee Company.*** Mr. Ciresi and Ms. Crosby Lehmann led a team that represented Kraft in a three-year arbitration regarding a breach of contract after Starbucks unilaterally terminated its agreement, cutting off Kraft's exclusive rights to sell, market and distribute Starbucks roast and ground coffee in grocery and other retail outlets. The arbitration resulted in a \$2.7 billion cash award to Kraft.
- ***Minnesota Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*** Mr. Ciresi was co-lead counsel representing four nonprofits – Minnesota Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association, Minnesota Medical Foundation, The Minneapolis Foundation, and the Ciresi Walburn Foundation for Children (formerly Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi Foundation for Children) – that participated in a securities lending program run by Wells Fargo. The bank represented that the collateral in the program would be invested in short-term money market instruments, where the prime considerations would be safety of principal and liquidity. Instead, the bank invested a substantial portion of the collateral in risky and/or illiquid securities, including complex structured investments. Following a lengthy trial, the jury found that Wells Fargo had breached its fiduciary duties to the non-profits and violated the Minnesota Consumer Fraud Act. Post-trial, the court awarded Plaintiffs attorneys' fees and costs, ordered Wells Fargo to forfeit its fees, and awarded pre-and post-judgment interest. This was the first trial and recovery of this type in the country. On April 16, 2012, the Minnesota Court of Appeals issued its opinion affirming the trial court, and the Minnesota Supreme Court later denied Wells Fargo's petition for review. The final judgment, plus additional post-trial attorneys' fees paid by Wells Fargo, totaled more than \$57 million.
- ***Whitely vs. Pfizer, Inc.*** Mr. Ciresi was lead trial counsel for the plaintiff in the first Chantix bellwether trial. The case confidentially settled three days prior to jury selection. Mr. Ciresi then engaged in settlement discussions which resulted in settlement of all firm Chantix cases.
- ***State of Minnesota and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota v. Phillip Morris Incorporated, et al.*** Mr. Ciresi was co-lead counsel for the State of Minnesota and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota in a groundbreaking lawsuit against the tobacco industry. After four years of litigation – including discovery of more than 30 million pages of internal documents, litigation of crime-fraud privilege issues, more than a dozen interlocutory appeals (including two to the United States Supreme Court) and four months of trial – the case settled on May 8, 1998 on the eve of jury deliberations for \$7 billion and unprecedented injunctive relief against the tobacco industry. Mr. Ciresi received the Trial Lawyer of the Year Award from Trial Lawyers for Public Justice for work on the litigation.
- ***Government of India v. Union Carbide.*** Mr. Ciresi was lead counsel for the Government of India for damages arising from the Bhopal disaster, which occurred when methyl-

isocyanate (MIC) gas was discharged from Union Carbide India Ltd.'s plant in Bhopal, India, resulting in over 3,000 deaths, thousands of injuries and property damage. The case was eventually settled in India in 1987 for \$470 million.

- ***Charbonneau v. Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Pfizer, Inc.* and *Zwayer v. Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Pfizer, Inc.*** Mr. Ciresi represented plaintiffs in the first Mirapex products liability bellwether trial. On July 30, 2008, the jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiffs for \$8,279,300, including \$7.8 million in punitive damages for failing to warn of the risk of compulsive behaviors, including pathological gambling, from the Parkinson's drug Mirapex. Mr. Ciresi subsequently represented plaintiffs in a second Mirapex bellwether trial. The case was confidentially settled prior to closing argument. After the conclusion of the *Zwayer* trial, Mr. Ciresi led settlement negotiations that resulted in the successful resolution of all the firm's Mirapex cases.
- ***Whitely v. Pfizer, Inc.*** Mr. Ciresi represented the individual plaintiff in the first Chantix bellwether trial. The case confidentially settled three days prior to jury selection. Mr. Ciresi then led settlement negotiations and resolved the remaining Chantix cases.
- ***Dalkon Shield Litigation.*** Mr. Ciresi was lead counsel on behalf of hundreds of women who suffered infertility issues as a result of the Dalkon Shield intrauterine device. Two bellwether cases went to trial and resulted in jury verdicts of compensatory and punitive damages: *Strempe v. A.H. Robins* \$250,000 in compensatory damages and \$1,500,000 in punitive damages (June 1983); *Hahn v. A.H. Robins* \$250,000 in compensatory damages and \$500,000 in punitive damages (December 1983). In 1984, A.H. Robins Co. entered into a settlement on behalf of all remaining clients represented by Mr. Ciresi.
- ***Copper-7 litigation.*** Mr. Ciresi was lead counsel in the Copper-7 litigation, in which he represented over 100 women who were injured as a result of the use of the Copper-7 intrauterine device. Two of the clients' cases were tried. In September of 1988, a Minnesota jury awarded \$8,750,000 in the case of *Kociemba v. G. D. Searle & Co.* In March of 1989, Mr. Ciresi was lead counsel in *McCarthy v. G. D. Searle & Co.*, the second bellwether Copper-7 trial. The case was confidentially settled just prior to closing argument. In the summer of 1988, G. D. Searle & Co. settled the cases of all remaining clients represented by Mr. Ciresi.